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## AUSTRIANS QUIT THEIR DEFENCES ON STRIPA RIVER

Von Bothmer Abandons Position He  
Had Held Since September

## COSSACKS CAPTURE MARYAMPOL

Russians Close in on Halicz and  
Threaten to Cut Von Bothmer's  
Communications.

Petrograd, Aug. 13.—The Austrians' lines along the Stripa, which they have held since early in September, have crumbled, and General von Bothmer is in full retreat along the whole front, according to the latest information received by the Russian General Staff.

General von Bothmer's position has been regarded as untenable for days, and the only wonder in military circles here is that he has had the courage to stand fast for so long. General Letchitsky is advancing far in the rear of von Bothmer's right flank, while General Scherbatchoff is closing in on his left. The Austrian commander is apparently making an attempt to escape the Russian trap by taking up a position on a line running through Zloczow, omorzany, Brzezany to Hayicz, roughly twenty miles to the west of his old lines before Tarnopol and Buczacz.

The Russians have successfully negotiated the last natural obstacle between them and Halicz, namely, the Bystritsa River, which empties into the Dniester eight miles to the south. General Scherbatchoff has already thrown a large force across the Zlota Lipa, approaching Halicz from the southeast, and his advance force of Cossacks has captured Maryampol. The occupation of Yezerno on the Tarnopol-Lemberg railroad and a group of towns to the south of that point threatens von Bothmer's communications with the Austro-German armies defending Lemberg on the Brody line, and appears to have been the last blow to the defense of the Stripa.

## FIRE ON SUBMARINE

Austria Also Claims Letimbro Had  
Troops on Board.

Amsterdam, Holland, Aug. 11.—An Austrian semi-official account of the sinking by a submarine recently of the Italian mail steamship Letimbro, received here today from Vienna, says the Italians fired on the submarine with two guns and that there were troops on board.

"After the submarine had fired a warning shot at a distance of 8,000 meters," the statement says, "the vessel opened fire from two guns at the stern and attempted to escape by zig-zagging. The submarine pursued the steamship, replying to the fire without hitting the vessel, which had shown no flag."

"Later, boats were lowered from the steamer. After ascertaining that no one remained on board, the steamer was sunk by the submarine."

"Approaching the boats, the submarine ascertained that of thirty persons in one boat twenty were in khaki, which confirmed the suspicion of the submarine commander that he had before him a vessel with troops aboard."

## PARALYSIS AT NORTH ADAMS

One Death and One New Case  
Reported.

Another death ascribed to infantile paralysis took place in North Adams yesterday morning when Francis J. McGuire, 16-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire, died at the home of his parents on Fairground avenue in that city. The child had been ailing for several days, following a fall from a porch, in which his right arm was injured. The case had been regarded as probable paralysis, but was not positively reported as such until yesterday. The house and members of the family have been placed under quarantine. Another suspicious case was reported as positive yesterday in the instance of Evelyn Laliberte, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laliberte, of 577 West Main street, North Adams. Both of these cases are in the western section of the city where all of the paralysis during the present summer has appeared.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight. Tuesday cooler.

## CLASSIFIED

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## ALLIES CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND ON THE SOMME

Endanger German Positions at  
Clery and Peronne

## FRENCH REACH HILL 109

British Push Back Enemy Line on  
Mile Front North of  
Pozières.

London, Aug. 13.—Both the French and British troops made appreciable progress on the Somme front today, the French following up their successes yesterday southeast of Maurepas, while the British pushed forward northwest of Jozieres and in the direction of Martinpuich.

The French still hold a part of the village of Maurepas, and they repulsed German counterattacks on this position during the night. Yesterday the French War Office announced that General Foch's troops had reached the southern slopes of Hill 109, an important position north of Clery. Further progress is reported in this region today. Here the French have driven a new wedge into the German line, endangering the Teuton hold on the village of Clery, as well as Veronne et sel.

The British are methodically pushing forward their lines on the plateau northwest of Pozières, where they made an advance today of 300 to 400 yards on a front of nearly a mile. They also are getting closer to the village of Martinpuich, the British announcement today recording the capture of German trenches northwest of Hazentin-Petit.

## NANCE O'NEILL WEDS

Actress Marries Alfred Hickman,  
Whom She Met in the Movies.

Nance O'Neill, the actress, was married yesterday afternoon at the home of a friend in New Rochelle to Alfred Hickman, who has been her leading man in the films. After the ceremony the couple motored to Miss O'Neill's home in Hayside, where they will live.

## ST ALBANS BOY DROWNED

Jumper from Boat Although He Could  
Not Swim.

St. Albans, Aug. 13.—Stephen Richard, 18 years old, was drowned in seven feet of water at Shanty Point, Lake Champlain, this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the body was not recovered for an hour and a quarter, grappling hooks having to be resorted to before the inert form could be brought to shore. The young man was in his bathing suit and had just jumped from a boat, in which he was rowing with a party of girls. His screams for help were laughed at for a few minutes, as he had feigned strangling for some time previous.

Young Richard was camping at Shanty Point with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greene, of Diamond street, with whom he had made his home since a youngster. When the accident occurred he was about 75 feet from shore and had been scaring the girls in his party, calling loudly for help each time he jumped into the water. As he was unable to swim the young women cautioned him not to get in over his head and it is believed that he did not realize the depth of the lake at that point.

In response to his cries a number of boats put out after a few moments but a stiff breeze was blowing and the body seemed elusive to the would-be rescuers, appearing in a different place whenever they tried to land it. Finally grappling hooks were thrown out and the body was dragged to shore. A lungworm was applied and the body worked over for about an hour and a half, but the efforts of the physicians were useless. Drs. E. A. Hvat and C. A. Loftus answered the emergency call.

Mr. Richard had been employed by the St. Albans Grain company since leaving school. He leaves only his foster parents.

## Playground Notes.

The children enjoyed a marshmallow toast Friday afternoon.

Stunt Day is on the playground calendar. Mr. Mann would like to have every boy in town enter in this big event. Stunts and tricks and many other features will make the day a great event for all boys. Flip flops, drills, pyramids, pike dives and various forms of gymnastics and athletic stunts will be on the program. Get in the swim boys and show your talent. Mr. Mann will gladly teach you some stunts and give you a good part in the days program.

The Playground Midgets won from the girls in baseball by the score 13 to 6.

The High school All Stars won from the picked nine Saturday 9 to 6.

Tennis is very popular among the younger girls and boys.

Polk dancing on Tuesday and Thursday.

## GRAND MASTER TO PRESIDE

H. H. Ross of Burlington Will Lay  
Corner Stone of Hospital

Grand Master H. H. Ross of the Vermont grand lodge of Masons will preside at the laying of the corner stone of the Henry W. Putnam Memorial hospital Wednesday forenoon.

The exercises will follow the parade which will pass over the main streets of the village in the forenoon and in which all of the civic organizations of the village are expected to take part. At the foundation the corner stone exercises will be followed by short addresses by James C. Colgate of Old Bennington, James K. Batchelder of Arlington and Rev. Thomas Carly, pastor of St. Francis de Sales church of this village.

## MARY VAN WORT DEAD

Passed Away at Home of Daughter on  
North Street

Mrs. Mary Adeline Van Wort, aged 82 died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sigworth of North street, following a short illness. Mrs. Van Wort came to Bennington seven years ago from Schaghticoke and has resided on North street during her entire stay in this community on account of her age, she was unable to be about much of the time, but nevertheless had a large number of friends who sincerely mourn her loss.

Mrs. Van Wort is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank Sigworth of North street and by one son, Alfred Van Wort of Schaghticoke and by three grand-children, Mrs. Enos Lathrop, and the Misses Ella and Elsie Sigworth, all of Bennington.

The funeral was held at her late home this morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. George J. Sturgis officiating and the remains were taken on the noon train to Schaghticoke where the burial was in the Elmwood cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. William Van Wort and daughter Ruth, and Chester Van Wort, all of Mechanicville attended the funeral here.

## BIG DAM BREAKS

Flood Carries Away Structure Costing  
\$500,000.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 13.—The great dam at Lake Toxaway, weakened by the recent floods, broke this evening, sending a great wall of water down the valley toward western South Carolina. No lives had been reported lost at a late hour tonight, and warnings are believed to have enabled most persons in the path of the flood to reach safety.

The lake was created in connection with a summer resort and had a shore line of fifteen miles. The dam was constructed at a cost of about \$500,000.

## FEW PASS FOR ANNAPOLIS

Lack of Time Given as Cause for 256  
Failures Out of 350.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Out of 350 applicants who took the July examinations for admission to the Naval Academy only ninety-four received passage grades, the Navy Department announced today. The large percentage of failures is attributed to lack of time for preparation.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Begins at Playground on August  
17th.

This year the tournament promises to be very spectacular and very fast. Nearly all of the best tennis players in town have entered and those who have not yet entered will do so before Thursday of this week, the day of the first game of the tournament. Those who have entered the tournament are in good condition and are up to their standard of play so there is no doubt that some fast tennis will be seen. Boost tennis and you boost your town and the tournament. If you want to knock get a tennis racket and some tennis balls and knock them over the net on the playground court.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to hereby express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of husband and father and for the many beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Edward Bergerone,  
and Family

## DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Ticket To Be Named at Meeting on  
Tuesday Evening.

The Democrats of Bennington County of the south side are requested to meet at Apollo hall on South street at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, August 15th. A good attendance is urged as the county ticket will be named at that time.

Democratic Town Committee.  
Adv. 6612

## True.

"Money makes the mare go."  
"Which shows that the mare isn't so much different than the rest of us in that respect."—Detroit Free Press.

## RUTLAND

So many requests for space for live stock for the Rutland Fair and Horse Show, September 4-5-6-7-8, have been received that the officials are making special arrangements to take care of the big exhibit.

## RAILWAY STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED BY ARBITRATION

Feeling of Optimism Follows Meet-  
ing with President

## ARBITRATION MAY BE ADOPTED

Men Said to Be Willing Provided  
Railway Managers Withdraw  
Counter-Proposals.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson conferred with the representatives of the railway men's brotherhoods today in the hope of averting the threatened strike.

The conference took place shortly after 10 o'clock this forenoon and continued for about one and one-half hours. When they left the White House the men appeared much more optimistic than when they first arrived in the city.

Another conference was arranged for 3 o'clock this afternoon to follow a meeting of the railway managers.

It was unofficially stated that the men had agreed to submit their difference to arbitration, provided the railway managers would withdraw their counter proposals. This provision the heads of the transportation lines are reported to be willing to concede.

New York, Aug. 14.—A general strike on virtually all the railroads of the nation, paralyzing commerce and throwing approximately 2,000,000 men out of employment, can be averted only through the good offices of President Wilson as a result of yesterday's developments in the dispute over the men's demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

The controversy was laid before the president at his invitation, after the workers had flatly rejected any form of arbitration. They had refused mediation Saturday.

Soon after accepting the president's summons, extended through the federal board of mediation and conciliation, the men announced that the leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods would leave for Washington at midnight, accompanied by 30 of the 600 delegates assembled at New York. An hour later the railroad managers, 19 in number, said they would leave for the capital at the same time.

Secretary Tumulty arrived in New York last night to make arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. Tumulty brought with him a communication from resident Wilson addressed to the brotherhoods and the railroad managers, pointing out that such a paralysis of business as would follow a general railroad strike would be a catastrophe at any time but would be nothing short of a disaster under present conditions. On this ground he based his request for a conference before a strike order is used by the leaders of the men.

Negotiations had not been broken off when Mr. Tumulty left Washington, but when he reached Philadelphia he received a telegram from W. L. Chambers, one of the mediators, informing him the men had declined to arbitrate. Mr. Tumulty's first step after reaching New York city was to call President Wilson on the long distance telephone to decide on an hour for the fatal conference at the White House today.

The final break came late yesterday after the men had been in secret session nearly six hours. Reports differ as to the reason for the failure of the negotiations in view of the cheerful outlook that obtained the night before. The men assert they refused arbitration because the railroads insisted on arbitrating their "contingent proposition." The board of mediators in a statement last night, declared, however, the men rejected their proposition, contending that they would not arbitrate even if the railroads waived the contingent proposition.

The chief objection of the men to arbitrating the railroads' "contingent proposition" lay in their contention that the proposal entailed the wiping out of double compensation features which the men have gained during 30 years of effort. The railroads have contended that double compensation, together with the demands of the men, if granted, would increase the wages of many of their employees more than 100 per cent.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers, declined to discuss the crisis other than to say that the railroads had proposed, first, mediation, and then arbitration, without success. He placed the responsibility for the utter failure of the mediators upon the men.

A. B. Garretson, president of the order of railway trainmen, the official spokesman for the men, on the other hand, placed the blame for the break entirely upon the unbending attitude of the railroads.

There will be a special meeting of the Eagles at 8 o'clock this evening.

## LAST TWO DAYS OF CHAUTAQUA ARE BEST

Two Fine Programs for Tuesday  
and Wednesday

## ALSO BIG MUSIC FEATURES

Dr. Turner Warmly Greeted Saturday.  
—Two Addresses by Monteville  
Flowers of California.

The continuance of large audiences at the Chautauqua programs of Saturday and Sunday prove that the entertainments this year are up to the standard set by previous Chautauquas and that in some ways even exceed past performances in variety and quality. The programs Saturday consisted of two violin recitals by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Such and two lectures, "Watch Your Step," by Dr. A. E. Turner and "Rebuilding the Temple" by Monteville Flowers. Sunday evening, there was a program to which there was no admission charged and which consisted of devotional exercises conducted by the local pastors and an address by Mr. Flowers on "The Fashion of his Countenance."

Dr. Turner, who spoke Saturday afternoon on "Watch Your Step" is popular with Bennington people. His personality brought him into close touch with the community when he was superintendent of last year's Chautauqua. His address was filled with information combined with a sparkling humor which made his lecture seem entirely too short.

Dr. Turner instanced the precautions taken by railroads in the country against the loss of life on their property and declared that the people of the United States should take similar precautions in conserving national property and resources and in defending national issues. There are several forms of community waste, educational waste, efficiency waste, hygienic waste and commercial waste, all of which are endangering the very existence of our country.

The speaker said that we should train ourselves to lead a life of sympathy, sincerity and serenity and that parents should provide their children with something to do so that they may render real social service. There was one other community loss mentioned, a loss which is laying waste in Europe, the loss of war. It was declared that while there will probably be a recovery in the financial affairs of the involved nations within a comparatively few years, it will take more than 200 years to recover from the repaired intellect, moral standing, and injured physique of the nations engaged in the conflict.

The address closed with the warning that the struggle between capital and labor in the United States might prove just as dangerous as a struggle between nations and unless there is an appliance of more of the milk of human kindness in the affairs of men, there will be no marked betterment. We have been living in a state of charmed optimism during the past few years, but it will be no protection in the near future.

Following the address of Dr. Turner, was the initial violin recital rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Such. Mr. Such is a famous violinist who has studied his profession in many countries and has reached a position where he may be ranked with the best violinists in the world. Mrs. Such is a splendid musician and pianist and plays a vital part in the success of her husband. Five selections were given, some of which were composed by Mr. Such and each was rendered in a manner which left no criticism in the minds of the listeners.

Saturday evening a second concert was given by Mr. and Mrs. Such which was even more greatly enjoyed than the one in the afternoon, judging from the encores which were demanded by the audience.

"Rebuilding the Temple" by Monteville Flowers was the final address of the day. His lecture stimulating in making his audience think for themselves on the great issues discussed. Mr. Flowers spoke of the collapse of the temple of civilization at the outbreak of the European war and of the fact that this temple must be rebuilt after the war. War was brought about by errors in government, violation of the rights of nations, and in the defilement of nation itself. If we would rebuild the temple of civilization upon a stronger foundation, we must eliminate belief in the divine rights of kings, secret diplomacy, present idea of empire, and the present conception of international morality. The foundation of all human progress is what men think is right and wrong and the new civilization must be built up, not with the noise of industry and the clink of gold, but with ideas which move the spirits of men.

The belief by some that we should

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